

### **Remarks**

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to further define “the silicone polymer” in step (i) of each claim. Support for this amendment is found in [0008] of the specification.

Claim 13 has been canceled.

In the 02/04/2009 final rejection, Claims 1-3, and 5-6 were rejected as being unpatentable over Gee (US 6,316,541) in view of Tamori et al. (EP 1172412). Claims 8-11 and 13 were rejected as being unpatentable over Tamori in view of Gee.

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims define an invention which is unobvious over the combination of Gee and Tamori.

Applicant herein submits a Request for Continuing Examination in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 to have the present amended claims examined anew.

The present response is being submitted within the statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for a one month extension, and any additional fees that should be necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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